

REMARKS

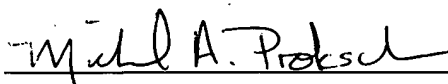
Prior to examination of the above captioned application, Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered. Support for the amendments can be found in the original specification, claims and/or drawings, thus, no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-26, as selectively amended, remain pending.

Thus, in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-26, as selectively amended, are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account
No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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